

February 10, 2004

Ref: 2234-19988

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
Post Office Box 94275
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: Hearing Application
Miogypsinoides Zone, Reservoir A
WEST GUEYDAN FIELD
Vermilion Parish, Louisiana
Applicant: The Meridian Resource & Exploration,
LLC

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, application is hereby made on behalf of **The Meridian Resource & Exploration, LLC** for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Miogypsinoides Zone, Reservoir A, West Gueydan Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana.

1. To create four (4) single drilling and production units of approximately 320 acres for the Miogypsinoides Zone, Reservoir A, designated as the MIOGY RA SUB, SUC, SUD and SUE, West Gueydan Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat;
2. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the said units;
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the units so created, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;
4. To consider such other matters relating to the subject reservoir as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the public hearing.

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The Miogypsinoides Zone, in the Gueydan Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana was initially defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 52-DD, effective March 9, 1999 and was further defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 55-DD-1, effective April 20, 1999, and is further defined in the West Gueydan Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana as being that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the depths of 17,573 feet and 18,280 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Cimarex Energy Company-Mauboules No. 1 Well in Section 17, Township 12 South, Range 2 West.

In compliance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, a pre-application conference was held in Lafayette, Louisiana on February 5, 2004. Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a list of the names and addresses of the parties who were in attendance at that conference. The rights of the parties were reserved.

The conference was opened by Mr. B. J. Duplantis. Mr. James Hardwick of Cutright & Hardwick presented the plan of applicant. Questions were asked and answered. It does not appear that there will be opposition at the hearing.

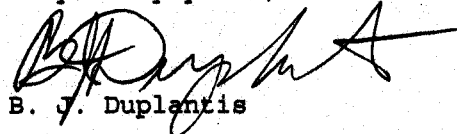
Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the MIOGYR RA SUB, SUC, SUD and SUB, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, and a list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties to whom this notice is being sent. It is hereby certified that a reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties.

Upon receipt of the legal notice in the captioned matter, the notice will be posted, published and mailed in accordance with Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure.

Any pertinent data relating to the proposed unit can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, from Mr. Jim Hardwick of Cutright & Hardwick, P. O. Box 80972, Lafayette, Louisiana 70598 (337) 232-7756.

Finally, there is enclosed herewith our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$755.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,


B. J. Duplantis

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Attachments

cc: Mr. Richard D. Hudson
District Manager
Office of Conservation

All Interested Owners,
Represented Parties and
Interested Parties and parties
on attendance list

